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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1953

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Mr. WHITTEN, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 7314]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 7314) making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 1, 3, 4, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 23, 25, and 34.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 5, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 36, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 2:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 2, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$2,370,500; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 6:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 6, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$3,756,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 7:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 7, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum named in said amendment insert \$75,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 8:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 8, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$14,160,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 10:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 10, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$11,465,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 13:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 13, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$3,350,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 17:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 17, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$29,550,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 18:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 18, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$5,400,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 19:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 19, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$11,000,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 22:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 22, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out and inserted by said amendment insert:

For artificial revegetation, construction, and maintenance of range improvements, control of rodents, and eradication of poisonous and

noxious plants on national forests as authorized by section 12 of the Act of April 24, 1950 (Public Law 478), \$310,000, to remain available until expended; and the unobligated balance of the appropriation under this head in the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1952 (Public Law 135, Eighty-second Congress) is hereby continued available, but not subject to the provision relating to the use of such appropriation included in such Act.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 35:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 35, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert \$600,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 37:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 37, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out and inserted by said amendment insert:

SEC. 410. No part of any appropriation or authorization contained in this Act shall be used to pay the compensation of any incumbent appointed to any civil office or position which may become vacant during the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1952: Provided, That this inhibition shall not apply to—

- (a) *not to exceed 25 per centum of all vacancies;*
- (b) *positions filled from within the department;*
- (c) *offices or positions required by law to be filled by appointment of the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;*
- (d) *seasonal and casual workers;*
- (e) *employees in grades CPC 1, 2, and 3;*
- (f) *employees working in field activities;*
- (g) *employees paid from funds for research;*
- (h) *employees of the crop and livestock reporting service;*
- (i) *employees paid from funds of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Production Credit Corporations, and the Farm Credit Administration except the portion thereof provided by direct appropriation from the General Fund of the Treasury;*
- (j) *employees paid from funds for marketing services;*
- (k) *employees of the Rural Electrification Administration;*
- (l) *employees of the Soil Conservation Service;*
- (m) *employees of meat inspection and other regulatory services;*
- (n) *employees of the Forest Service:*

Provided further, That when the total number of personnel subject to this section has been reduced to 90 per centum of the total provided for in the budget estimates for 1953, such limitation may cease to apply and said 90 per centum shall become a ceiling for employment during the fiscal year 1953, and if exceeded at any time during fiscal year 1953 this provision shall again become operative.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 38:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 38, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In line 8 of paragraph (b) of said amendment strike out the word "radio" and insert in lieu thereof *individual or network radio and television*; and the Senate agree to the same.

The committee of conference report in disagreement amendments numbered 11, 20, 21, 28, and 39.

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 7314) making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and for other purposes, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon and recommended in the accompanying conference report as to each of such amendments, namely:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT

Amendment No. 1: Appropriates \$5,250,000 as proposed by the House instead of \$5,260,000 as proposed by the Senate.

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Amendment No. 2: Appropriates \$2,370,500 instead of \$2,320,500 as proposed by the House and \$2,455,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agree that funds for this purpose should be provided by transfer from the Department of the Interior in the future. The additional \$50,000 is included in this bill for 1953, since the Interior Department appropriation bill for next year has been passed by both the House and Senate without funds for this work.

OFFICE OF EXPERIMENT STATIONS

Amendments Nos. 3 and 4—*Payments to States, etc.*: Appropriate \$12,441,208 as proposed by the House instead of \$12,453,708 as proposed by the Senate, and approve \$62,500 for Alaska as proposed by the House instead of \$75,000 as proposed by the Senate. It is the opinion of the conferees that there should be no further expansion in research funds for Alaska until a more definite explanation of the additional research proposed is presented to Congress.

Amendment No. 5—*Virgin Islands agricultural program*: Appropriates \$100,000 as proposed by the Senate.

BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

Amendments No. 6 and 7—*Animal research*: Appropriate \$3,756,000 instead of \$3,681,000 as proposed by the House and \$3,816,000 as proposed by the Senate, and provide \$75,000 for research on poultry diseases.

Amendment No. 8—*Meat inspection*: Appropriates \$14,160,000 instead of \$13,660,000 as proposed by the House and \$14,260,000 as proposed by the Senate. This amount is agreed to by the House conferees, despite their disappointment at the manner in which the historical pattern of assignment of inspectors was arbitrarily disrupted

under the special provision inserted in the 1952 appropriation. In view of the amount approved by the conferees, this historical pattern should be reestablished by the Department and all regular inspection work should be done from appropriated funds.

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY

Amendment No. 9: Appropriates \$7,500,000 as proposed by the House instead of \$7,550,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees are in complete agreement that proposed research on development of products from pine gum should be carried on within the amount approved.

BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY, SOILS, AND AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

Amendment No. 10: Appropriates \$11,465,000 instead of \$11,330,000 as proposed by the House and \$11,600,000 as proposed by the Senate. The additional funds are approved with the understanding that the Department will give appropriate attention to the various special projects inserted in the bill by the Senate.

Amendment No. 11: Reported in disagreement.

BUREAU OF ENTOMOLOGY AND PLANT QUARANTINE

Amendment No. 12: Appropriates \$2,700,000 as proposed by the House instead of \$2,759,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees insist that this reduction be made without reducing the staff of inspectors engaged in quarantine work on oriental fruit fly and other similar programs.

CONTROL OF FOREST PESTS

Amendment No. 13—*Forest Pest Control Act*: Appropriates \$3,350,000 instead of \$3,250,000 as proposed by the House and \$3,625,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendments Nos. 14, 15, and 16—*White pine blister rust*: Appropriate \$3,300,000 as proposed by the House instead of \$3,650,000 as proposed by the Senate, and approve amounts for the Forest Service and Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine as proposed by the House.

FOREST SERVICE

Amendment No. 17—*National forest protection and management*: Appropriates \$29,550,000 instead of \$29,400,000 as proposed by the House and \$29,848,000 as proposed by the Senate. The increase over the House figure is to meet a special problem created by blown down timber in western Oregon and southwestern Washington.

Amendment No. 18—*Forest research*: Appropriates \$5,400,000 instead of \$5,365,000 as proposed by the House and \$5,415,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 19—*Forest roads and trails*: Appropriates \$11,000,000 instead of \$10,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$13,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. This increase is provided to meet the problem in Oregon and Washington described in amendment No. 17.

Amendment No. 20—*Weeks Act*: Reported in disagreement.

Amendment No. 21—*Special acts*: Reported in disagreement.

Amendment No. 22—*Cooperative range improvements*: Appropriates \$310,000 instead of \$700,000 as proposed by the Senate, and includes a perfecting amendment.

FLOOD PREVENTION

Amendment No. 23: Appropriates \$7,750,000 as proposed by the House instead of \$7,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. This amount is approved by the conferees with the understanding that a total of \$7,000,000 will be used for works of improvement and \$750,000 will be used for preliminary examinations and surveys and basin investigations. The conferees are of the opinion that no attention should be given to a comprehensive Nation-wide flood-prevention program in preference to continuation of surveys on individual watersheds.

CONSERVATION AND USE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND RESOURCES

Amendment No. 24: Appropriates \$251,754,142 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$250,000,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 25: Restores language proposed by the House and deleted by the Senate.

Amendment No. 26: Authorizes \$26,754,142 for administrative expenses as proposed by the Senate instead of \$25,000,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 27: Inserts language proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 28: Reported in disagreement.

EXTENSION SERVICE

Amendments Nos. 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33: Appropriate \$27,169,129 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$27,135,000 as proposed by the House, and authorize funds for Alaska and Puerto Rico in the amounts proposed by the Senate.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL RELATIONS

Amendment No. 34: Appropriates \$615,000 as proposed by the House instead of \$682,500 as proposed by the Senate.

RESEARCH ON STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL AGRICULTURAL MATERIALS

Amendment No. 35: Appropriates \$600,000 instead of \$582,000 as proposed by the House and \$625,000 as proposed by the Senate.

RESTORATION OF CAPITAL IMPAIRMENT, COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Amendment No. 36: Appropriates \$109,391,154 as proposed by the Senate to restore capital impairment of the Commodity Credit Corporation based on estimated volume of inventory on hand. Since this action will result only in an internal bookkeeping transaction in the Treasury Department, it should be considered a "nonfund appropriation" and should not be reflected in any official Government reports as an expenditure or receipt.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Amendment No. 37—*Section 410*: Restores language as proposed by the House with certain perfecting amendments, and eliminates substitute language inserted by the Senate.

Amendment No. 38—*Section 411*: Inserts language as proposed by the Senate with certain perfecting amendments as proposed by the House. The purpose of these amendments is to permit the Department to provide the same service for individual, non-network-radio programs as is provided for the Farm and Home Hour and similar programs.

Amendment No. 39—*Section 412*: Reported in disagreement.

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